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"THE TOUCH OF YOUR LIPS!"

Amazing New Safe Candy Plan for

Quick Reducing

Without A Hungry Moment — No Drugs — No Exercise

Lose Up to 5 lbs. a week with Dr. Phillips Kelpidine Candy Plan

THIS IS FOR YOU! FOR EASY REDUCING!

If you are too fat because you eat too much, if you just can't diet because you have a healthy appetite and like to eat too well, if in spite of everything you're still too fat, if you like sweets, candy, cake, and you like lots of butter, gravy, potatoes—no matter how skeptical you are you can be sure that Dr. Phillips amazing Kelpidine Candy reducing plan is a new discovery that takes off pounds and inches of ugly fat quick, safely and so easily you will hardly believe your eyes!

AMAZING NEW SAFE DISCOVERY

Just recently scientists discovered an appetite satisfying ingredient which is now contained in Kelpidine Candy. Yes, this appetite satisfying ingredient is now combined with an essential mineral many doctors use in helping fat people lose weight! The appetite satisfying ingredient is found in many reducing products advertised on radio, TV, in magazines and newspapers and often at a much higher price! This vegetable cellulose appetite satisfying ingredient has no calories, yet expands when it absorbs water, thereby helping to give the feeling of a full contented stomach! The result is that your desire for food is cut way way down—you eat less—get the benefit of its amazing mineral—used by many doctors—and you eat less—that's the secret of losing weight!

HERE AT LAST IS THE REDUCING CANDY YOU'VE HEARD WAS COMING!

Watch Fat Go From All Over The Body!

You'll see fat disappear from all over, hips, thighs, bust, chin, neck, arms, legs, etc. etc. You'll see pounds vanish like magic the first week—so Fast—so easy you won't know what's happening—yet there is no exercise no drugs—no hunger—no starvation diets!

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Yes, you pay absolutely nothing unless you grow slim, more youthful looking. You pay nothing if your friends, your family don't tell you you look slimmer and have reduced to the weight that most becomes you! You must be 100% satisfied in every way with the first package of candy or you return the Empty box for your money back! So start now and take off fat with Dr. Phillips Kelpidine Candy Reducing Plan until you've cut down to the weight and figure you want! Stop being fat! Reduce this safe, simple, easy way. Mail coupon for easy reducing today!

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It must be a quick, safe, easy way to reduce, you must be entirely satisfied with your loss of weight—This candy must taste as good as or better than your favorite candy—You must find it the easiest reducing plan you ever tried. You must lose the number of pounds you want to lose. You must reduce without a hungry moment. You must get rid of dangerous excess fat or your money will be refunded—Don't delay—You have nothing to lose but excess weight, so mail coupon below now!

SATISFIED USERS SAY!

GIRL LOSES 35 lbs. FEELS WONDERFUL

"Thanks to Kelpidine Candy I went from 195 lbs. to 160 lbs. . . . I feel wonderful . . It's the best way to reduce I ever tried."
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LADY LOST 27 lbs.

"Your Kelpidine Candy tastes wonderful—Now for the first time I am not always hungry and I lost 27 lbs. already."
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Newark, N J

COUPLE BOTH LOSE WEIGHT:

"My husband lost 15 lbs. with your candy plan and I lost 19 lbs. Your candy is delicious —we both feel fine. It's the easiest reducing plan I ever tried."
Mr. & Mrs. G. P.
Chicago, Ill.

Results vary with individuals—Your experience may or may not be the same but be sure to try it today! Your money back if you are not satisfied!

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LOSE WEIGHT OR NO CHARGE

MAIL THIS NO RISK COUPON TODAY!

American Healthaids Co., Dept. K-402
318 Market Street, Newark, New Jersey

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ALONE!
COME ON, MISTER! YOU'LL NEVER MAKE THAT TRAIN AT THIS RATE!
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I WANTED TO SHUT OUT ALL OR THE OUTSIDE WORLD WHILE CARL HELD ME... WANTED TO BE ALL ALONE WITH HIM, BECAUSE THIS WAS THE LAST MOMENT WE'D HAVE TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME!
GOOD-BYE, DARLING! WAIT FOR ME! I'LL BE BACK!
I'LL WAIT, CARL! I'LL WAIT, DARLING!
I STOOD ALONE... AND HE WAS GONE, ON HIS WAY TO A JOB THAT WOULD KEEP HIM AWAY FOR A YEAR... BECAUSE HIS PRESENT JOB DIDN'T PAY ENOUGH TO GET MARRIED!
HE'LL COME BACK TO ME! I'VE GOT TO REMEMBER THAT ALWAYS! HE'LL COME BACK TO ME!
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THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF MY LONG ORDEAL! THE ENDLESS WAITING, THE LONELINESS...
YOU AND CARL ARE WONDERFUL YOUNG PEOPLE, JUDY! I'M GLAD YOU BOTH HAVE THE SENSE TO WAIT UNTIL IT'S RIGHT FOR YOU TO MARRY.
IS THIS RIGHT, MOTHER? IS IT RIGHT BEING APART FROM SOMEONE YOU LOVE LIKE THIS?
LOVE HAS TO SURVIVE MANY TESTS BEFORE IT CAN BE PROVEN! IF YOU AND CARL STILL LOVE EACH OTHER AT THE END OF A YEAR, WE'LL FEEL VERY HAPPY FOR BOTH OF YOU!
A YEAR? MOTHER, WE'RE IN LOVE FOR OUR LIFETIMES!
MOTHER JUST SMILED SWEETLY! AS FAR AS SHE AND DAD WERE CONCERNED, WE WERE JUST A COUPLE OF YOUNG KIDS WHO DIDN'T KNOW THE SCORE! I KNEW DIFFERENTLY, HOWEVER! OUR LOVE WOULD STAND ANY TEST!
GOSH, IF THERE WEREN'T SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE TO REMIND ME OF CARL AND ME!
HELLO!
IT WAS RANDY MASON, A FORMER SCHOOLMATE STUDENT THAT I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT SINCE I MET CARL!
YOU'RE PRETTIER THAN EVER, JUDY! I'VE JUST MOVED BACK HERE AND HOPED I'D RUN INTO YOU! YOU'RE NOT MARRIED OR ANYTHING, ARE YOU?
NO, RANDY! I'M NOT MARRIED, BUT I AM ENGAGED! HOW ABOUT YOU?
I'M NOT EVEN ENGAGED! I'VE BEEN SORT OF WAITING FOR YOU! HOW ABOUT A SODA TOGETHER... FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE?
ALL RIGHT, RANDY!
I ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT HARMLESS! BESIDES, I WAS LONELY AND WANTED SOMEONE TO TALK TO...
AND THAT'S HOW IT IS! AS SOON AS CARL MAKES GOOD, IN A YEAR, WE'LL BE MARRIED!
I SEE...
A YEAR'S A LONG WAY OFF, JUDY, I HOPE I CAN MAKE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT HIM!
NOT A CHANCE, RANDY! CARL IS MY ONE AND ONLY!

I RUSHED FROM RANDY! A LETTER FROM CARL WAS WAITING AT HOME FOR ME...A LETTER TELLING ME OF HOW MUCH HE LOVED ME!
OH, CARL! I MISS YOU SO! HELP ME TO BE STRONG! HELP ME TO WAIT FOR YOU AS YOU'RE WAITING FOR ME!

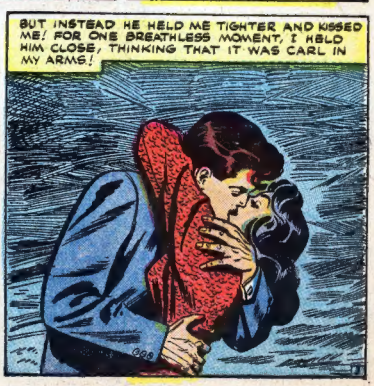
THE NEXT DAY I MET ALICE MAYS WHO WORKED IN A BOOKSHOP...
SAY, JUDY, THAT DREAMBOAT RANDY MASON IS BACK IN TOWN, I HEAR! AND HE'S STILL AS CRAZY ABOUT YOU AS EVER! LUCKY YOU!
ALICE, YOU'VE ALWAYS LIKED HIM! I'M SURE IF YOU LET HIM KNOW IT, HE'D GO FOR YOU!

THANKS! THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW! I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE WITH YOU AROUND BUT NOW I'LL GRAB HIM! ALL I'VE GOT TO SAY FOR YOU, JUDY, IS THAT YOU'RE A FOOL FOR LETTING HIM GO!

THEN I HEARD THAT RANDY WAS TAKING ALICE TO ALL THE SPOTS AND SHOWING HER A GOOD TIME...WHILE, AS USUAL, I WAS ALONE...

THE ENDLESS DAYS WENT BY! THE LONG HOURS, THE BRIGHT DAYS AND THE DARK NIGHTS... ALONE...
August
October

AND THEN, COMING HOME FROM WORK ONE NIGHT, THERE WAS RANDY WAITING FOR ME...
JUDY, I THOUGHT THAT IF I WENT OUT WITH ALICE, IT MIGHT MAKE YOU JEALOUS! BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY GIRL I CARE FOR!
LET ME GO, RANDY!


BUT INSTEAD HE HELD ME TIGHTER AND KISSED ME! FOR ONE BREATHLESS MOMENT, I HELD HIM CLOSE, THINKING THAT IT WAS CARL IN MY ARMS!

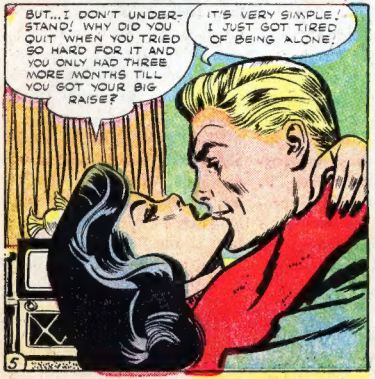
AND THEN...THERE WAS ALICE, HER FACE FLUSHED AND VIVID, HER EYES BLAZING!
I THOUGHT YOU'D COME HERE AFTER YOU BROKE OUR DATE, RANDY! YOU STILL WON'T QUIT, WILL YOU? CAN'T YOU SEE SHE DOESN'T CARE FOR YOU?
SHE'S RIGHT, RANDY! I'M SORRY!
WITH THOSE WORDS I CLOSED THE GATES FOREVER ON A LIFE I COULD HAVE HAD WITH RANDY! HE WALKED OFF WITH ALICE AND I KNEW HE WAS NEVER COMING BACK! FOR ONE BRIEF SECOND, I WANTED TO CALL HIM BACK...TO END THIS LONELINESS...BUT I DIDN'T! I LET HIM GO!
IN THE GAME OF LOVE THERE HAS TO BE A WINNER AND A LOSER, BUT IT SEEMED AS IF BOTH RANDY AND I WERE LOSERS! HAD I MADE A MISTAKE? WAS I RIGHT TO HOLD ON TO A LOVE THAT WAS PROBABLY USELESS AND WASTED?
CARL HASN'T WRITTEN YOU IN QUITE A WHILE, HAS HE?
HE'S PROBABLY BUSY!
TOO BUSY TO WRITE TO THE GIRL HE LOVES? OUT OF SIGHT CAN BE OUT OF MIND, YOU KNOW, DEAR!
MOTHER, PLEASE! I FEEL BAD ENOUGH!
YOU SHOULD FEEL BAD... LETTING A NICE BOY LIKE RANDY GO! DID YOU KNOW THAT HE AND ALICE ARE GETTING MARRIED? IT COULD HAVE BEEN YOU INSTEAD OF HER!
I HAD TO GET AWAY AND BE ALONE! THE TEARS I HAD STORED UP FOR SO LONG NOW FLOWED FREELY...
OH, CARL, WHY HAVEN'T YOU WRITTEN? YOU CAN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN ME! IF YOU'VE FOUND SOMEONE ELSE, THEN THE REST OF MY LIFE WILL BE SPENT ALONE!
AND THEN, TO MY HEARTBREAK, I OVERHEARD MOTHER AND DAD...
I HATE TO TELL JUDY THIS, MARY, BUT I HEARD THAT CARL LEFT HIS JOB IN DULUTH TWO WEEKS AGO! NO ONE'S HEARD FROM HIM SINCE ...NOT EVEN HIS FOLKS!
THEN THE JOB WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM AND HE'S AFRAID TO COME BACK AND FACE JUDY!

DOUBT AND CONFUSION RACED THROUGH MY MIND IN THAT TERRIBLE MOMENT... BUT THEN I REMEMBERED OUR FAREWELL, OUR LAST KISS, AND HIS WORDS...
WAIT FOR ME! I'LL BE BACK!

AND THEN ALL THE DOUBTS VANISHED AND IN THEIR PLACE WAS THE FAITH AND TRUST I HAD IN CARL AND IN OUR LOVE! I WASN'T AFRAID ANY MORE! NOTHING ANYONE COULD SAY COULD REMOVE WHAT I KNEW WAS THE TRUTH...THAT CARL LOVED ME AS I LOVED HIM...
JUDY! YOU... YOU HEARD?
YES, MOTHER! I HEARD EVERYTHING ...AND I STILL LOVE HIM!

I'M PROUD OF YOU FOR THE WAY YOU FEEL, JUDY! BUT FATE CAN PULL SOME FUNNY TRICKS SOMETIMES! GO OUT WITH OTHER BOYS! GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE! DON'T BE ALONE LIKE THIS!
I WANT TO BE ALONE, MOTHER! I'M WAITING FOR CARL!

AND AT THAT MOMENT, THE BELL RANG! THERE, AS BIG AS LIFE, WAS CARL! THE NEXT INSTANT, I WAS IN HIS ARMS, MY BRAIN WHIRLING, BUT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT!
OH, DARLING! YOU'RE BACK!
YES, DARLING! I QUIT THE JOB IN DULUTH AND LOOKED FOR ANOTHER IN LANSING... AND I GOT IT! A BETTER JOB! NOW WE CAN GET MARRIED AT ONCE!


BUT...I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY DID YOU QUIT WHEN YOU TRIED SO HARD FOR IT AND YOU ONLY HAD THREE MORE MONTHS TILL YOU GOT YOUR BIG RAISE?
IT'S VERY SIMPLE! I JUST GOT TIRED OF BEING ALONE!
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AND AS HE KISSED ME, AT LAST I KNEW THAT MY WAITING HAD BEEN WORTHWHILE... AND THAT NO ONE ELSE WOULD MATTER EXCEPT THE ONE BOY WHO HAD BEEN ALONE WHEN HE WAS WITHOUT ME AS I HAD BEEN WITHOUT HIM!
WE SHOULD HAVE HAD AS MUCH FAITH IN THEM AS THEY HAD IN EACH OTHER!
WELL, IT TAKES THE YOUNG TO REMIND US OF WHAT LOVE IS ALL ABOUT!
The End

THE WAY OF LOVE

THE phone rang just as my nails finished drying. I decided it must be Phil since he usually called two or three times a week! Phil was steady and sweet, but on the quiet side.

"Hello," I answered, my attention still on my nails.

"That you, Susan? This is Gene."

It took a second for my mind to bring the handsome image of Gene Baker into focus, then my heart skipped a beat in happy expectation.

"Look, Susan, can you be ready to go dancing by the time I get there? Say, twenty minutes?"

"Gene!" I gasped. "I don't know . . ." My brain was whirling.

"It's short notice," he quipped, "but anyone as beautiful as you doesn't need to put the glamour on."

Before I could answer, Gene decided for me. "Okay, then. See you soon," and I was left with the silent receiver in my hand.

I had to laugh! I knew it was against all the rules to accept a date on such short notice, but that was Gene's way. He always asked for a date in an impulsive manner, and though there had been only a few so far, they had been lots of fun. I suppose it was his boyish charm that I found so enjoyable.

Still laughing, I ran to the closet. My dresses was a blur of color on the rod before me and I hesitated in my choice. Then I saw the bouffant dress of yellow tulle. Since I felt I was floating on moonbeams its soft goldenness seemed appropriate.

For just one moment I experienced a sense of guilt. I had been going with Phil Evans for several months now, and I appreciated his thoughtfulness and sincerity and my response was one of growing interest, but somehow it had stopped when I met Gene. Then I became annoyed at Phil's consideration, and a little irritated by his careful arrangements when he planned our dates. I knew I should have been pleased, yet his quiet manner seemed monotonous and uninteresting. I suppose I was romantic enough to hope I'd be swept off my feet, and of the two it came closest with Gene.

All my instincts of guilt swiftly vanished as I rushed to the shower, singing out to the swirl of soap and rushing water. I was breathless, but ready, when Gene arrived a half hour later. He grinned at me boyishly as I opened the door . . . the dimple in his chin deepening. I could see approval in his twinkling eyes, and taking my hand he whirled me around.

"Hey, look at that!" he said as my skirt billowed. "Just as elegant as a queen!"

I couldn't help but be pleased, but I frowned slightly as I answered. "You know I should really be angry, Gene. Making me rush so." Then I smiled. "But at the prospect of a dance, who could be angry?"

"That's great, Suzy," Gene replied as we started down the steps. "It's sure nice of you taking it this way, but I guess I can't help being . . . well, me. A tumbleweed, blowing in all directions with every chance breeze." He squeezed my arm. "It's pretty swell, though, knowing I can count on your understanding!"

Gene knew exactly how to make a girl seem special, but before I could answer we reached the car, and I saw the other couple inside. I had met them once before, and as we exchanged greetings, I couldn't help feeling a surge of disappointment. I preferred being alone with Gene, and I was annoyed because he hadn't mentioned that we were going double.

"Told you she'd be ready and waiting," Gene said as we drove off. Then he winked at me. "It's all Chuck's fault, really. There's a swell band playing over at the Fruitport pavilion. Chuck had the idea and I had

CONTINUED BEFORE LAST STORY

GAIN WEIGHT stop being SKINNY!

Now at last—QUICKLY—EASILY put firm, attractive pounds and inches on your body, chest, arms and legs.

DON'T STAY SKINNY! GO FROM THIS TO THIS!

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Amazing New Way developed by modern medical science to put on weight on lean bodies. **Guaranteed to give you up to an extra pound a day!** Or your **money back!** Why should you dread going to parties and socials, simply because you look scrawny and spindly? Why ever feel self-conscious about your body again? If you're **underweight*** . . . or just a little on the thin side, due to faulty appetite, or bad dietary habits, you can **put on up to a pound a day of attractive weight** without exercise . . . dangerous drugs . . . or special diet . . . and more quickly, more easily than you ever dreamed possible . . . with MORE-WATE. MORE-WATE contains no dangerous drugs . . . you **eat it like candy!** Yet . . . if you were to have this same prescription compounded to your order, it would cost you many times more. However, through this introductory offer, you can obtain **quick-acting** MORE-WATE tablets . . . a 30 day supply for only $2.98, with an absolute money-back guarantee! Yes, try MORE-WATE for TEN DAYS . . . and if not entirely delighted with weight gained, return the unused supply for full refund! You've nothing to lose . . . and **weight to gain!** Act now! Stop being the guy or the gal that everyone calls "skinny." Stop being the guy or the gal who dreads summer and going to parties and socials because it means everyone will enjoy themselves and you won't. Don't be a wallflower, because you have a figure like a broomstick! **Gain more weight!**

MORE-WATE is the newest discovery of medical science—entirely safe! Not a drug—not a medicine . . . Instead, a delicious weight-adding tablet that helps your body build new pounds of HEALTHY, ATTRACTIVE body weight! You gain SOLID good-looking flesh AUTOMATICALLY wherever you need it—on face, neck, bust, arms, legs, ankles, etc. (all over!)

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The fast acting MORE-WATE tablets are **unconditionally guaranteed** to put on weight . . . or it doesn't cost you a penny! MORE-WATE is a **delicious,** full strength, fast acting tablet . . . that combines not just one . . . or two . . . but 4 of the most amazing aids for **gaining weight** known to medical science. MORE-WATE is not a liquid . . . not a powder. It's a delicious, **pleasant-tasting tablet!** It contains vitamin **B-12** . . . the **amazing red vitamin doctors** give many **underweight patients** in **hospitals** . . . It contains Iron that helps correct iron deficiency, anemia and builds rich, red blood. It contains appetite-building vitamin B-1 . . . and it contains nutritious easily assimilated malt, the amazing ingredient that helps your body turn much of the food you eat into **well rounded flesh** instead of being wasted. **That's the secret of putting on weight.** Now you can help your food to **add new pounds** to your **arms, chest, hips, thighs,** and **legs.** Now you don't have to be skinny . . . or afraid to be seen socially and be ashamed of your figure! **You must achieve the figure you want . . . or don't pay anything** Act now!

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Mail the coupon below for your generous supply of MORE-WATE! Only $2.98 for full generous supply or $6 for the triple generous large economy size on the guarantee if the first package doesn't increase your weight to your satisfaction, return the empty package for full money-back refund. MAIL THE COUPON NOW! CHILDREN—get mom or dad to order for you!

MAIL THIS NO-RISK COUPON TODAY!

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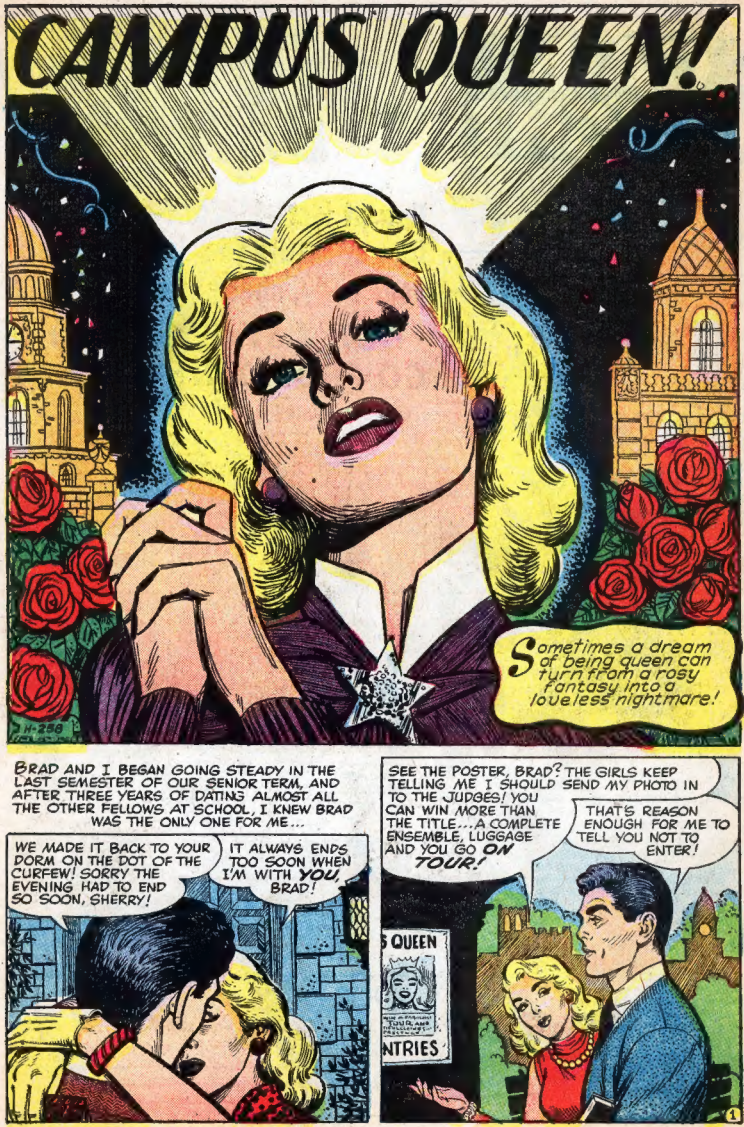
CAMPUS QUEEN!
Sometimes a dream of being queen can turn from a rosy fantasy into a loveless nightmare!
BRAD AND I BEGAN GOING STEADY IN THE LAST SEMESTER OF OUR SENIOR TERM, AND AFTER THREE YEARS OF DATING ALMOST ALL THE OTHER FELLOWS AT SCHOOL, I KNEW BRAD WAS THE ONLY ONE FOR ME...
WE MADE IT BACK TO YOUR DORM ON THE DOT OF THE CURFEW! SORRY THE EVENING HAD TO END SO SOON, SHERRY!
IT ALWAYS ENDS TOO SOON WHEN I'M WITH YOU, BRAD!
SEE THE POSTER, BRAD? THE GIRLS KEEP TELLING ME I SHOULD SEND MY PHOTO IN TO THE JUDGES! YOU CAN WIN MORE THAN THE TITLE...A COMPLETE ENSEMBLE, LUGGAGE AND YOU GO ON TOUR!
THAT'S REASON ENOUGH FOR ME TO TELL YOU NOT TO ENTER!
QUEEN
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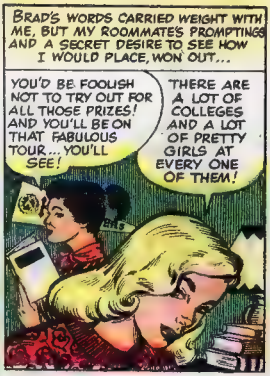
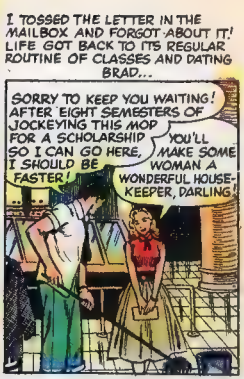
I'D NEVER WIN ANYWAY!
YOU COULDN'T MISS, UNLESS THE JUDGES WERE BLIND! BUT IF YOU WENT ON TOUR, I'D BE A CINCH TO WIN "THE LONELIEST GUY ON CAMPUS" CONTEST!

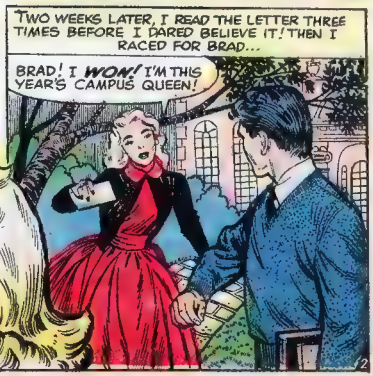

BRAD'S WORDS CARRIED WEIGHT WITH ME, BUT MY ROOMMATE'S PROMPTINGS AND A SECRET DESIRE TO SEE HOW I WOULD PLACE, WON OUT...
YOU'D BE FOOLISH NOT TO TRY OUT FOR ALL THOSE PRIZES! AND YOU'LL BE ON THAT FABULOUS TOUR... YOU'LL SEE!
THERE ARE A LOT OF COLLEGES AND A LOT OF PRETTY GIRLS AT EVERY ONE OF THEM!


I TOSSED THE LETTER IN THE MAILBOX AND FORGOT ABOUT IT! LIFE GOT BACK TO ITS REGULAR ROUTINE OF CLASSES AND DATING BRAD...
SORRY TO KEP YOU WAITING! AFTER EIGHT SEMESTERS OF JOCKEYING THIS MOP FOR A SCHOLARSHIP SO I CAN GO HERE, I SHOULD BE FASTER!
YOU'LL MAKE SOME WOMAN A WONDERFUL HOUSE-KEEPER, DARLING!

THE DEAN CALLED ME IN TODAY! THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT! TWO ENGINEERING COMPANIES ARE INTERESTED IN HIRING ME WHEN WE GRADUATE IN THREE MONTHS!
WONDERFUL! BUT IF THEY DON'T BID FOR AN HONOR STUDENT LIKE YOU, IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF TALENT!

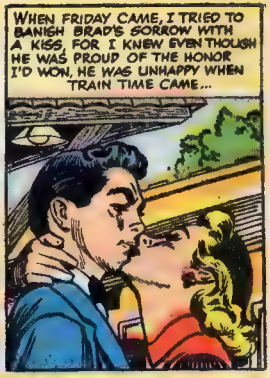
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE I'LL OWN A CAR...THEN THERE'S ALSO A ROSE-COVERED COTTAGE IN MY FUTURE!
SOUNDS NICE FOR SOME GIRL! WONDER WHO THE LUCKY WOMAN MIGHT BE?

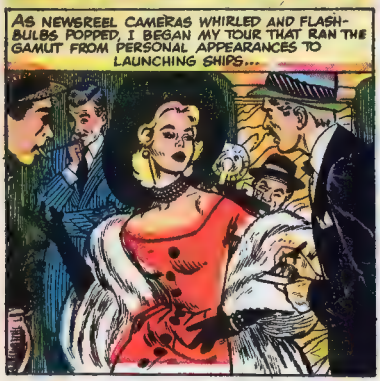
BRAD'S KISS TOLD ME WHO SHE'D BE! BRAD HADN'T PROPOSED YET... HE WAS WAITING TILL HE FINISHED SCHOOL AND HE STARTED WORKING, THEN WE'D BE ABLE TO SET THE DATE...


TWO WEEKS LATER, I READ THE LETTER THREE TIMES BEFORE I DARED BELIEVE IT! THEN I RACED FOR BRAD...
BRAD! I WON! I'M THIS YEAR'S CAMPUS QUEEN!

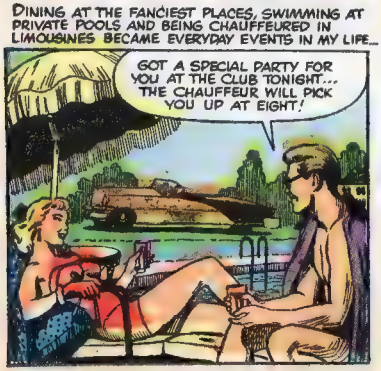
I GUESS I SHOULD SAY CONGRATULATIONS! BUT I'LL MISS YOU DURING THE WHOLE VACATION WHILE YOU'RE ON TOUR, AND I'LL BE WONDERING WHAT ALL THOSE WONDERFUL THINGS CAN DO TO YOU!
LOVING YOU IS THE MOST WONDERFUL THING IN MY LIFE! SO STOP WORRYING!

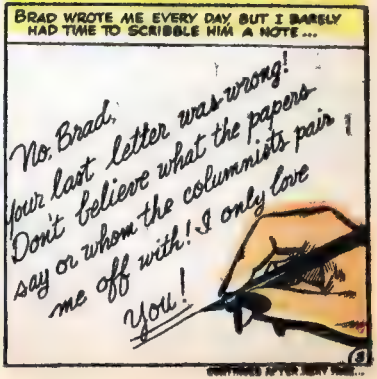
TWO DAYS LATER, MR. WALTERS CALLED ON ME...
YOUR CLOTHES ARE BEING TAILORED RIGHT NOW, BY THE DRESS COMPANY THAT PROMOTES THIS CONTEST! THEY'LL BE PACKED IN YOUR LUGGAGE AT THE STATION WHEN YOU REPORT TO YOUR TRAIN FRIDAY! FROM THEN ON EVERYTHING'S PLANNED!
SOUNDS GREAT!


WHEN FRIDAY CAME, I TRIED TO BANISH BRAD'S SORROW WITH A KISS, FOR I KNEW EVEN THOUGH HE WAS PROUD OF THE HONOR I'D WON, HE WAS UNHAPPY WHEN TRAIN TIME CAME...


AS NEWSREEL CAMERAS WHIRLED AND FLASHBULBS POPPED, I BEGAN MY TOUR THAT RAN THE GAMUT FROM PERSONAL APPEARANCES TO LAUNCHING SHIPS...

THE DATES THAT WERE LINED UP FOR ME WERE TOP NAMES FROM THE SOCIAL REGISTER AND I BEGAN TO MOVE IN A DIZZY WORLD THAT I'D ONLY READ ABOUT, WHERE CHAMPAGNE FLOWED AND NO ONE EVER WORRIED ABOUT THE PRICE OF ANYTHING...
CAN YOU COME SWIMMING AT MY PLACE TOMORROW, SHERRY?
HAVE TO CHECK MY SCHEDULE FIRST! I'M NOT MY OWN BOSS ANY MORE!


DINING AT THE FANCIEST PLACES, SWIMMING AT PRIVATE POOLS AND BEING CHAUFFEURED IN LIMOUSINES BECAME EVERYDAY EVENTS IN MY LIFE...
GOT A SPECIAL PARTY FOR YOU AT THE CLUB TONIGHT... THE CHAUFFEUR WILL PICK YOU UP AT EIGHT!


BRAD WROTE ME EVERY DAY, BUT I BARELY HAD TIME TO SCRIBBLE HIM A NOTE...
No, Brad, your last letter was wrong! Don't believe what the papers say or whom the columnists pair me off with! I only love you!

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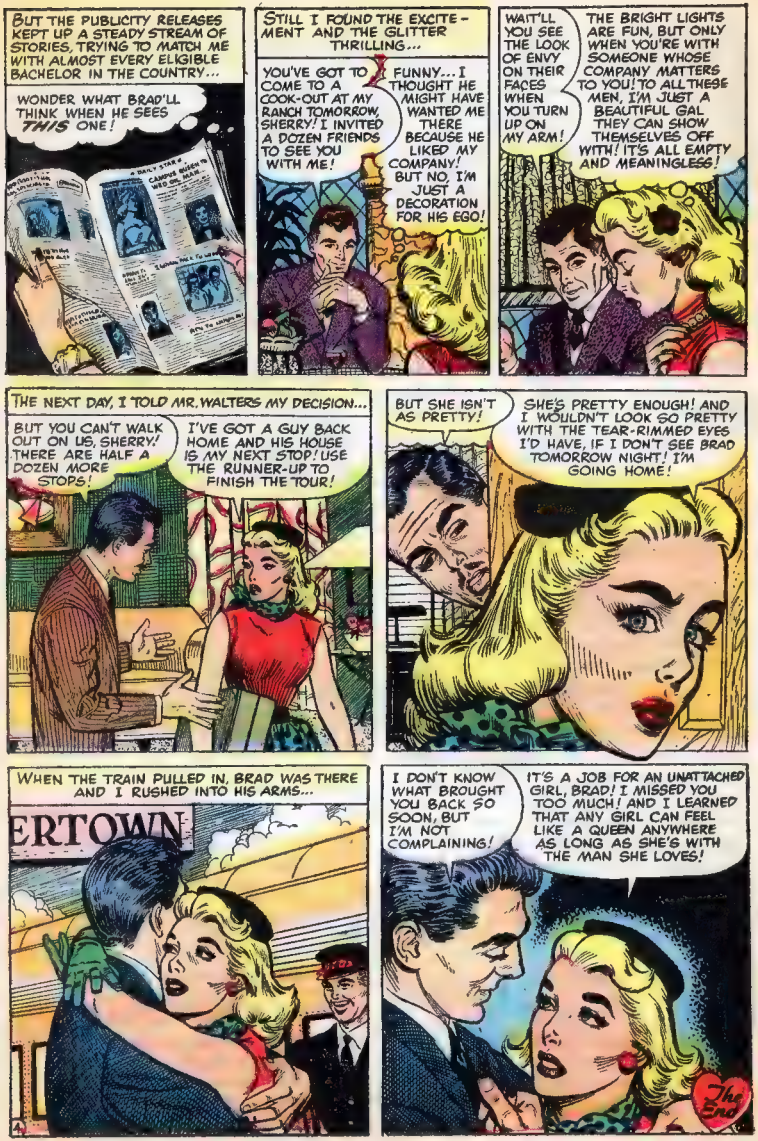
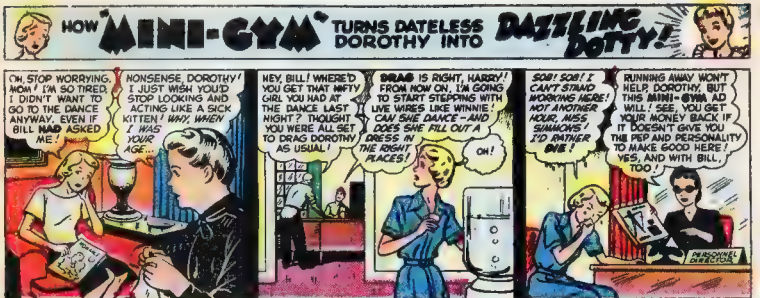
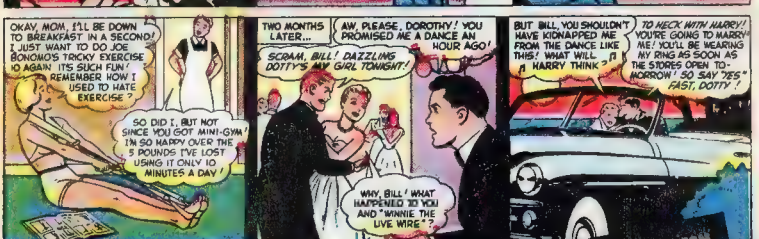

BUT THE PUBLICITY RELEASES KEPT UP A STEADY STREAM OF STORIES, TRYING TO MATCH ME WITH ALMOST EVERY ELIGIBLE BACHELOR IN THE COUNTRY...
WONDER WHAT BRAD'LL THINK WHEN HE SEES THIS ONE!
STILL I FOUND THE EXCITEMENT AND THE GLITTER THRILLING...
YOU'VE GOT TO COME TO A COOK-OUT AT MY RANCH TOMORROW, SHERRY! I INVITED A DOZEN FRIENDS TO SEE YOU WITH ME!
FUNNY... I THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE WANTED ME THERE BECAUSE HE LIKED MY COMPANY! BUT NO, I'M JUST A DECORATION FOR HIS EGO!
WAIT'LL YOU SEE THE LOOK OF ENVY ON THEIR FACES WHEN YOU TURN UP ON MY ARM!
THE BRIGHT LIGHTS ARE FUN, BUT ONLY WHEN YOU'RE WITH SOMEONE WHOSE COMPANY MATTERS TO YOU! TO ALL THESE MEN, I'M JUST A BEAUTIFUL GAL THEY CAN SHOW THEMSELVES OFF WITH! IT'S ALL EMPTY AND MEANINGLESS!
THE NEXT DAY, I TOLD MR. WALTERS MY DECISION...
BUT YOU CAN'T WALK OUT ON US, SHERRY! THERE ARE HALF A DOZEN MORE STOPS!
I'VE GOT A GUY BACK HOME AND HIS HOUSE IS MY NEXT STOP! USE THE RUNNER-UP TO FINISH THE TOUR!
BUT SHE ISN'T AS PRETTY!
SHE'S PRETTY ENOUGH! AND I WOULDN'T LOOK SO PRETTY WITH THE TEAR-RIMMED EYES I'D HAVE, IF I DON'T SEE BRAD TOMORROW NIGHT! I'M GOING HOME!
WHEN THE TRAIN PULLED IN, BRAD WAS THERE AND I RUSHED INTO HIS ARMS...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT BROUGHT YOU BACK SO SOON, BUT I'M NOT COMPLAINING!
IT'S A JOB FOR AN UNATTACHED GIRL, BRAD! I MISSED YOU TOO MUCH! AND I LEARNED THAT ANY GIRL CAN FEEL LIKE A QUEEN ANYWHERE AS LONG AS SHE'S WITH THE MAN SHE LOVES!
The End

HOW "MINI-GYM" TURNS DATELESS DOROTHY INTO DAZZLING DOTTY!


OH, STOP WORRYING, MOM! I'M SO TIRED, I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE ANYWAY. EVEN IF BILL HAD ASKED ME!
NONSENSE, DOROTHY! I JUST WISH YOU'D STOP LOOKING AND ACTING LIKE A SICK KITTEN! WHY, WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...
HEY, BILL! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT HEFTY GIRL YOU HAD AT THE DANCE LAST NIGHT? THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL SET TO DRAG DOROTHY AS USUAL!
GRAB IS RIGHT, HARRY! FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO START STEPPING WITH LIVE WIRES LIKE WINNIE! CAN SHE DANCE—AND DOES SHE FILL OUT A DRESS IN THE RIGHT PLACES!
OH!
SOB! SOB! I CAN'T STAND WORKING HERE! NOT ANOTHER HOUR, MISS SUMMONS! I'D RATHER DIE!
RUNNING AWAY WON'T HELP, DOROTHY, BUT THIS MINI-GYM AD WILL! SEE — YOU GET YOUR MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE PEP AND PERSONALITY TO MAKE GOOD HERE! YES, AND WITH BILL, TOO!
PERSONNEL DIRECTION


OKAY, MOM, I'LL BE DOWN TO BREAKFAST IN A SECOND! I JUST WANT TO DO JOE BONOMO'S TRICKY EXERCISE TO AGAIN ITS SUCH FUN! REMEMBER HOW I USED TO HATE EXERCISE?
SO DID I, BUT NOT SINCE YOU GOT MINI-GYM! I'M SO HAPPY OVER THE 5 POUNDS I'VE LOST USING IT ONLY 10 MINUTES A DAY!
TWO MONTHS LATER...
AW, PLEASE, DOROTHY! YOU PROMISED ME A DANCE AN HOUR AGO!
SCRAM, BILL! DAZZLING DOTTY'S MY GIRL TONIGHT!
WHY, BILL! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND "WINNIE THE LIVE WIRE"?
BUT BILL, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KIDNAPPED ME FROM THE DANCE LIKE THIS! WHAT WILL HARRY THINK!
TO HECK WITH HARRY! YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME! YOU'LL BE WEARING MY RING AS SOON AS THE STORES OPEN TOMORROW! SO SAY "YES" FAST, DOTTY!

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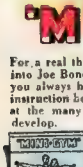

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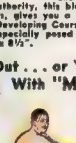

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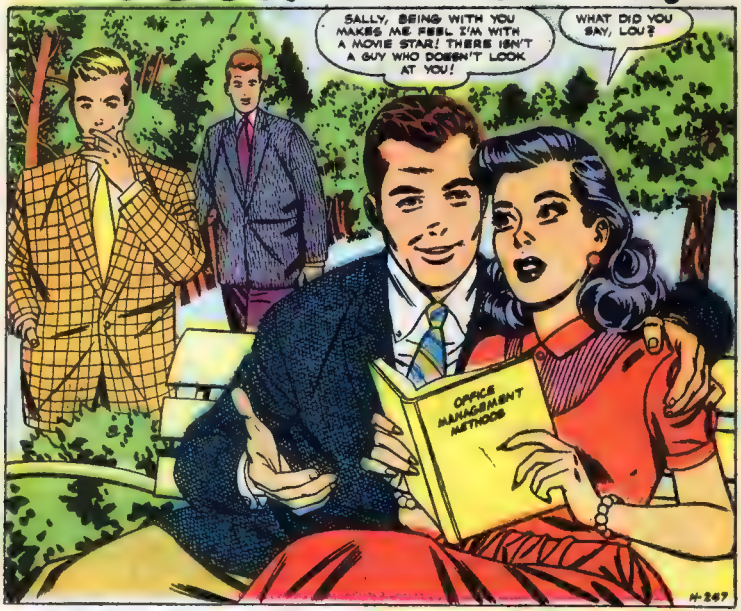
the TOUCH of your LIPS!


SALLY, BEING WITH YOU MAKES ME FEEL I'M WITH A MOVIE STAR! THERE ISN'T A GUY WHO DOESN'T LOOK AT YOU!
WHAT DID YOU SAY, LOU?
OFFICE MANAGEMENT METHODS
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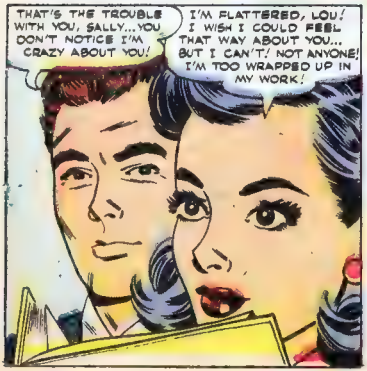
THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOU, SALLY... YOU DON'T NOTICE I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU!
I'M FLATTERED, LOU! I WISH I COULD FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT YOU.. BUT I CAN'T! NOT ANYONE! I'M TOO WRAPPED UP IN MY WORK!

IT WAS THE EVENING BEFORE I WAS TO START ON MY NEW JOB AT FOSTER & CO! AS USUAL, I WAS BONING UP ON MY TASK AHEAD, AND, AS USUAL, LOU JENNINGS WAS TRYING TO MAKE HEADWAY WITH ME!
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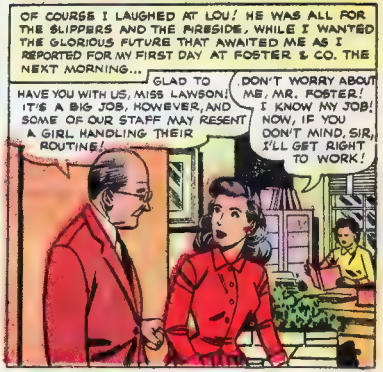
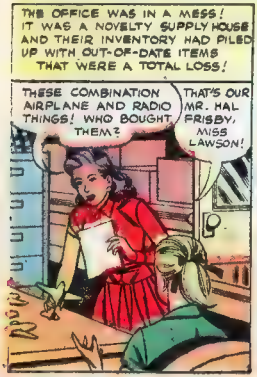
LOU...PLEASE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M KISSING YOU... THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING! DIDN'T IT DO ANYTHING TO YOU?

I WISH I COULD SAY YES, LOU! BUT I CAN'T! I CAN'T SEEM TO GET EXCITED ABOUT ANYTHING BUT MY JOB!
YOU'RE NOT HUMAN, THAT'S ALL!

LOOK AT THAT COUPLE OVER THERE! THAT POOR GIRL'S STUCK IN A RUT! TAKES CARE OF HER HUSBAND AND BABY, THAT'S ALL! SHE'S A DRUDGE! I DON'T WANT THAT KIND OF A LIFE! I WANT TO DO SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG SLANT ON LIFE, SALLY!

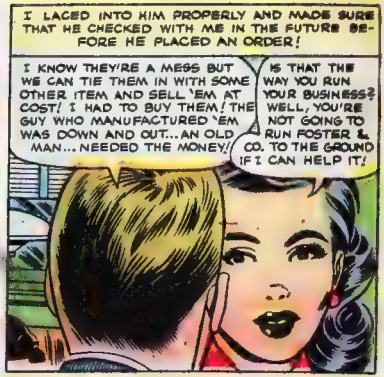

OF COURSE I LAUGHED AT LOU! HE WAS ALL FOR THE SLIPPERS AND THE FIRESIDE, WHILE I WANTED THE GLORIOUS FUTURE THAT AWAITED ME AS I REPORTED FOR MY FIRST DAY AT FOSTER & CO. THE NEXT MORNING...
GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US, MISS LAWSON! IT'S A BIG JOB, HOWEVER, AND SOME OF OUR STAFF MAY RESENT A GIRL HANDLING THEIR ROUTINE!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, MR. FOSTER! I KNOW MY JOB! NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, SIR, I'LL GET RIGHT TO WORK!


THE OFFICE WAS IN A MESS! IT WAS A NOVELTY SUPPLY HOUSE AND THEIR INVENTORY HAD PILED UP WITH OUT-OF-DATE ITEMS THAT WERE A TOTAL LOSS!
THESE COMBINATION AIRPLANE AND RADIO THINGS! WHO BOUGHT THEM?
THAT'S OUR MR. HAL FRISBY, MISS LAWSON!

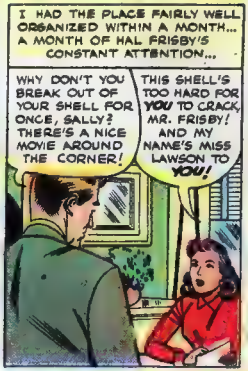
SOMEBODY MENTION MY NAME? OH, YOU'RE THE NEW EFFICIENCY EXPERT, AREN'T YOU? GUESS YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HAS TO OKAY MY ADVANCES FROM NOW ON, EH?
WHAT ADVANCES?

ER... ON MY SALARY! I'M ALWAYS A WEEK OR SO BEHIND WITH MONEY, SO I GET ADVANCES JUST TO GET ALONG!
AND MESS UP THE BOOK KEEPING, TOO, I'LL BET! SORRY, MR. FRISBY! ADVANCES ARE OUT FROM NOW ON!

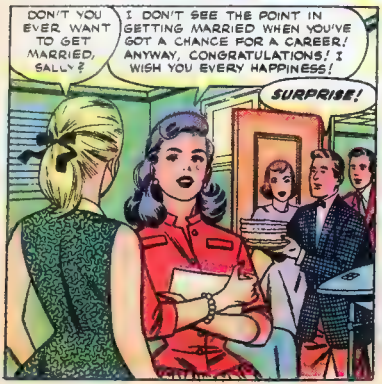
I SEE I'LL HAVE TO BREAK YOU DOWN WITH MY CHARM! HOW ABOUT HAVING ME DO IT OVER A DINNER TONIGHT... THEN THE THEATER AND DANCING AFTERWARD!
I DON'T LET MY OFFICE WORK GET MIXED UP WITH MY SOCIAL LIFE! NOW ABOUT THESE...


I LACED INTO HIM PROPERLY AND MADE SURE THAT HE CHECKED WITH ME IN THE FUTURE BEFORE HE PLACED AN ORDER!
I KNOW THEY'RE A MESS BUT WE CAN TIE THEM IN WITH SOME OTHER ITEM AND SELL 'EM AT COST! I HAD TO BUY THEM! THE GUY WHO MANUFACTURED 'EM WAS DOWN AND OUT... AN OLD MAN... NEEDED THE MONEY!
IS THAT THE WAY YOU RUN YOUR BUSINESS? WELL, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO RUN FOSTER & CO. TO THE GROUND IF I CAN HELP IT!

HE LEFT AND I WENT BACK TO MY WORK! I HAD PLENTY TO DO!
EVERYTHING'S ALL MIXED UP! HOW DID THEY GET ALONG ALL THESE YEARS LIKE THIS?


I HAD THE PLACE FAIRLY WELL ORGANIZED WITHIN A MONTH... A MONTH OF HAL FRISBY'S CONSTANT ATTENTION...
WHY DON'T YOU BREAK OUT OF YOUR SHELL FOR ONCE, SALLY? THERE'S A NICE MOVIE AROUND THE CORNER!
THIS SHELL'S TOO HARD FOR YOU TO CRACK, MR. FRISBY! AND MY NAME'S MISS LAWSON TO YOU!

AND THEN MY ASSISTANT, TINA QUIT TO GET MARRIED!
I WAS JUST WAITING UNTIL YOU TOOK OVER, SALLY! NO MORE OF THIS DULL OFFICE LIFE FOR ME! ME FOR THE MARRIED ROUTINE!
AND YOU DON'T CALL THAT DULL?


DON'T YOU EVER WANT TO GET MARRIED, SALLY?
I DON'T SEE THE POINT IN GETTING MARRIED WHEN YOU'VE GOT A CHANCE FOR A CAREER! ANYWAY, CONGRATULATIONS! I WISH YOU EVERY HAPPINESS!
SURPRISE!

HAL AND THE REST OF THE OFFICE CREW HAD A SURPRISE PARTY FOR TINA!
COME ON, TINA! LET'S DANCE! THIS'LL BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO HAVE FUN WITH A DASHING FELLOW LIKE MYSELF!
OH, HAL, YOU'RE A CARD!

I STAYED LATER THAN I PLANNED! IT WAS DARK WHEN I LEFT AND HAL OFFERED TO DRIVE ME HOME! I ACCEPTED...
I WISH THERE WERE OTHER WAYS OF KEEPING YOU AT THE OFFICE UNTIL YOU WERE AFRAID TO GO HOME ALONE! AT LEAST THIS WAY I GET A CHANCE TO TAKE YOU OUT!
YOU'RE NOT TAKING ME OUT, MR. FRISBY! YOU'RE TAKING ME HOME!
YOU'RE REALLY A NICE GAL, SALLY, IF YOU'D GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE TO LET GO!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN... LET GO?
...LIKE THIS!
SALLY! I'VE BEEN CRAZY ABOUT YOU FROM THE FIRST! I'M NOT JUST FOOLING AROUND, DARLING! BELIEVE ME!
I...I WISH YOU HADN'T DONE THAT, HAL! NOW LET ME GO ..PLEASE!
I WAS ALL MIXED UP EMOTIONALLY! I'D BEEN KISSED BEFORE BUT IT NEVER AFFECTED ME LIKE THIS! I WAS ALMOST AFRAID TO GO TO WORK THE NEXT DAY...TO FACE HAL AGAIN!
HELLO, BEAUTIFUL! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
HAL, PLEASE... ABOUT LAST NIGHT ...AND WHAT HAPPENED!
I'VE PLANNED A CAREER AND I'M TOO SMART TO GET EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED WITH ANYONE! I'M NOT GOING TO RUIN EVERYTHING JUST BECAUSE OF ONE LITTLE KISS!
THAT'S ALL IT MEANT TO YOU? I'M SORRY, SALLY!
I HAD THIS FOR YOU...
AN ENGAGEMENT RING? WHY, THAT'S SILLY AND CHILDISH, HAL! NOW PLEASE LET ME GET TO MY WORK!
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I FELT A STRANGE HEARTBEAT AT THE SIGHT OF THE RING BUT I LAUGHED IT OFF AND PLUNGED RIGHT INTO MY WORK...
MR. FOSTER, HERE'S MY REPORT ON THE LATEST SHIPMENT OF WEDDING RINGS!
WEDDING RINGS? WE DON'T DEAL IN RINGS, MISS LAWSON!
DID I SAY WEDDING RINGS? I DON'T KNOW WHY! I MEANT CHARM BRACELETS!
HMM! I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOUR WORK, MISS LAWSON! YOU SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT JOB FOR YOU?
YOU STARTED OFF WITH A BANG, BUT THEN YOU FIZZLED OUT! OH, WELL, MOST GIRLS ARE LIKE THAT! WHAT IS IT, MISS LAWSON? ARE YOU IN LOVE?
IN LOVE? HOW SILLY! OF COURSE NOT! IT'S JUST THE...
AND THEN I BLURTED IT OUT WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT I WAS SAYING...
...THE TOUCH OF HIS LIPS! OH, WHAT HAVE I SAID?
YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT, BUT YOU ARE IN LOVE! CONGRATULATIONS, MISS LAWSON! WHO'S THE LUCKY MAN?
ME!
HAL!
AND HIGH TIME MY NEPHEW GOT MARRIED, TOO! MAYBE HE'LL SETTLE DOWN SO I CAN TURN THE BUSINESS OVER TO HIM! HE ALWAYS SAID THAT WHEN THE RIGHT GIRL CAME ALONG, HE'D KNOW IT!
HOW ABOUT IT, SALLY? DO YOU KNOW IT TOO... THE WAY I DO?
HAL... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
THEN DON'T SAY IT! LET OUR LIPS SAY IT FOR US!
AND THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS! DOWN THE DRAIN WENT ALL MY INTENTIONS WHEN, LIKE EVERY OTHER GIRL, I DISCOVERED THAT YOU CAN'T LOCK LOVE OUT OF YOUR HEART WHEN IT COMES ALONG AND SMACKS YOU RIGHT ON THE LIPS!
The End

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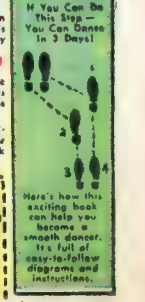

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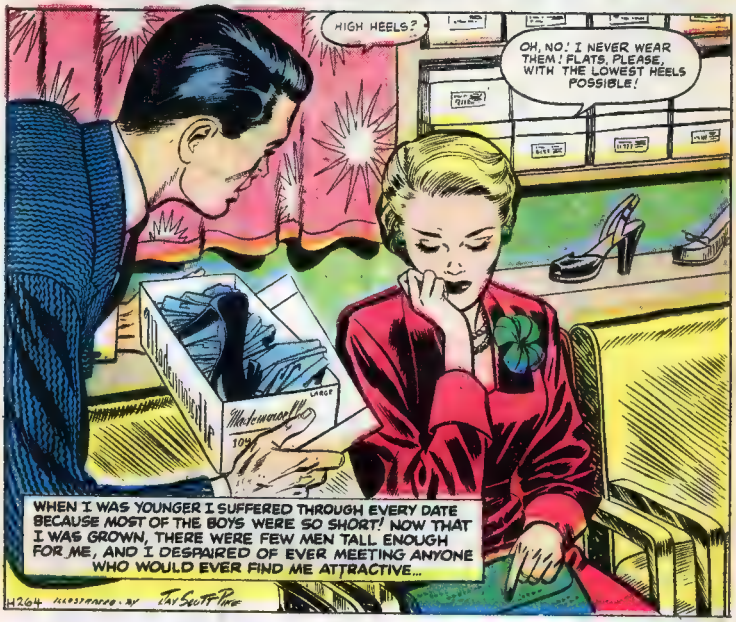
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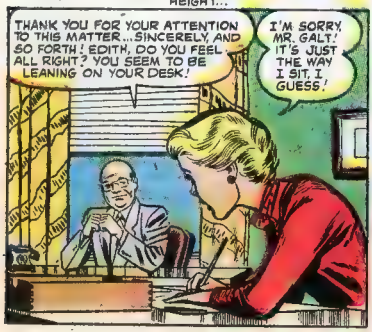
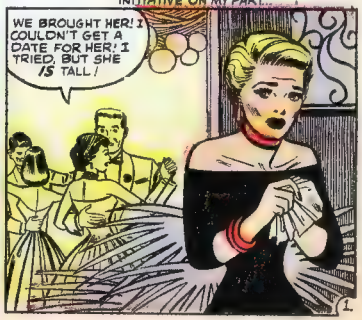
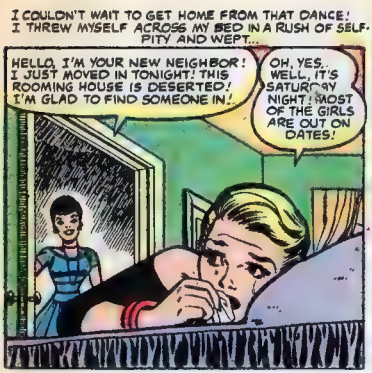

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER...SINCERELY AND SO FORTH! EDITH, DO YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT? YOU SEEM TO BE LEANING ON YOUR DESK!
I'M SORRY, MR. GALT! IT'S JUST THE WAY I SIT, I GUESS!

MY DISPOSITION WAS ALSO A REFLECTION OF MY ATTITUDE TOWARD MY HEIGHT! I WAS PAINFULLY SHY AND AVOIDED ANYTHING THAT INVOLVED INITIATIVE ON MY PART.



I COULDN'T WAIT TO GET HOME FROM THAT DANCE! I THREW MYSELF ACROSS MY BED IN A RUSH OF SELF-PITY AND WEPT...

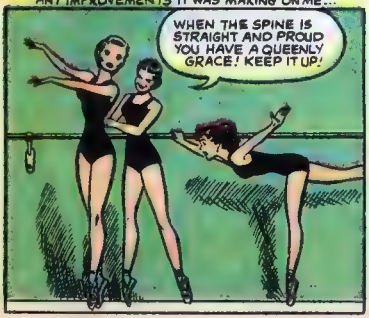

HELLO, I'M YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR! I JUST MOVED IN TONIGHT! THIS ROOMING HOUSE IS DESERTED! I'M GLAD TO FIND SOMEONE IN!
OH, YES.. WELL, IT'S SATURDAY NIGHT! MOST OF THE GIRLS ARE OUT ON DATES!

FROM THE MOMENT I MET GINNY, I WAS READY TO DISLIKE HER! SHE WAS EVERYTHING I'D ALWAYS WANTED TO BE... TINY, PERT, WELL-GROOMED FROM THE TIPS OF HER TINY HIGH-HEELED SHOES TO HER TINY UPTURNED NOSE...

SOMETIMES IT IS EASIER TO TALK TO A TOTAL STRANGER THAN SOMEONE YOU'VE KNOWN ALL YOUR LIFE!

EDITH, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO SOMETHING FOR A LONG TIME! WOULD YOU GO TO A CLASS IN DANCING WITH ME? BALLET, I MEAN! I NEED THE EXERCISE, AND YOU WOULD BE GETTING OUT OF YOURSELF...
I'D LOVE TO, IF...

GINNY OVERRULED ALL OF MY OBJECTIONS, AND WE STARTED TO GO REGULARLY TO THE DANCE CLASS! I ENJOYED IT AND WAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS IT WAS MAKING ON ME...



YOU ARE SO LUCKY, EDITH, TO BE ABLE TO WEAR FLATS! THESE HIGH HEELS ALL THE TIME ARE RUINING MY FEET! I LOVE BEAUTIFUL FEET, AND YOURS ARE!
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS LUCKY FOR THAT REASON!

I NEVER REALIZED WHAT GINNY WAS DOING FOR ME, TILL A LONG TIME LATER! SHE NEVER ONCE MENTIONED MY HEIGHT, AND HER SUBTLE FLATTERY WAS DOING WONDERS FOR ME...

EDITH, IT LOOKS DIVINE! WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO JUST WALK IN AND BUY A DRESS WITHOUT HAVING A HUNDRED THINGS DONE TO IT TO MAKE IT FIT!

THIS ONE IS NICE, BUT DRESSY! IT'S MORE OF A DATE DRESS!

TAKE IT ANYWAY! YOU LOOK MARVELOUS IN IT! I'LL SUPPLY THE DATE!

NO, GINNY! YOU'RE BEING VERY-KIND, BUT YOU JUST COULDN'T KNOW ANYONE TALL ENOUGH...

SUPPOSE YOU LEAVE IT TO ME! OUR CHURCH IS HAVING A DANCE, AND I KNOW JUST THE MAN FOR YOU!

A WEEK LATER, I AWAITED MY DATE! ALL THE OLD AGONY WAS RETURNING! I KNEW I HAD MADE GREAT PROGRESS THESE LAST FEW WEEKS! I FELT ALMOST PROUD OF MY HEIGHT, BUT I WASN'T READY FOR THE TEST OF A DATE YET...

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN RELIEVED WHEN I SAW THAT HE WAS TALL ENOUGH, BUT THEN I BEGAN TO WONDER IF HE THOUGHT I WAS UNUSUAL, BEING ALMOST AS TALL AS HE...

ED, THIS IS EDITH!

HELLO, EDITH!

WE WENT TO THE DANCE, MY HEART BEATING WILDLY ALL THE WAY! I WAS SO SELF-CONSCIOUS! WHEN WE GOT ON THE FLOOR, ED SPOKE INTO MY EAR...

I LIKE HAVING A GIRL DANCE WITH HER EAR SO CLOSE I CAN TALK INTO IT! GINNY IS A WONDERFUL FRIEND, BUT SHE SURE KNOWS A LOT OF LITTLE GIRLS FOR FRIENDS! SHE PROMISED YOU'D BE DIFFERENT!

PLEASANTLY DIFFERENT! YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW A TALL MAN LOOKS FOR A GIRL WHO CAN FILL HIS ARMS WHEN THEY DANCE!

YOU MEAN TALL MEN HAVE A PROBLEM, TOO?

OF COURSE! BUT THEN, I'VE DISCOVERED NONE OF US ARE SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE ARE! SOME ARE TOO FAT, SOME TOO SHORT, SOME ARE LOSING THEIR HAIR EARLY... WE ALL HAVE PROBLEMS! BEING TALL IS THE LEAST!
BUT DON'T MEN PREFER A GIRL LIKE GINNY?

MEN PREFER A GIRL WHO SUITS THEM! FOR ME, A LITTLE GIRL IS LIKE A POCKET EDITION OF THE REAL THING!
I THINK I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN! I'M GLAD GINNY ASKED YOU TO COME AS MY DATE TONIGHT, ED!

FROM THAT MOMENT THE WHOLE EVENING BLOSSOMED FOR ME! IT DIDN'T MATTER THAT IT WAS ED WHO SAID IT! IT WAS WHAT HE SAID! THE WHOLE WORLD SEEMED TO UNFOLD FOR ME...

THE NEXT DAY...

I NEVER NOTICED WHAT AN ATTRACTIVE YOUNG WOMAN I HAD FOR A SECRETARY! I DON'T SUPPOSE I SHALL HAVE YOU VERY LONG! SOME YOUNG MAN WILL SNATCH YOU OFF!
I HAVE NO PLANS, MR. GALT!

EVERYTHING SEEMED TO COME AT ONCE! COMPLIMENTS, EVEN FLATTERY! I FELT A NEW SURENESS ABOUT MYSELF! EVEN THE SHOE SALESMAN NOTICED IT...

THAT NIGHT AS ED HELD ME CLOSE AND WE DANCED, I THANKED GINNY MENTALLY FOR STARTING ME ON THE RIGHT PATH TO SELF-CONFIDENCE AND FOR BRINGING SUCH A WONDERFUL GUY AS ED INTO MY LIFE...

the car."

"Hey, that isn't fair," Chuck protested.

"Listen to them!" Iris laughed. "Always kidding."

By the time we reached the dance, my annoyance was gone and it turned out to be another glorious evening.

I was still "dreamy" about it three days later when I accepted a date with Phil. All evening I kept comparing these two men in my life. Gene with his bounce and charm, and Phil, calm, serious and quietly at ease. Phil had brought me a corsage of violets, knowing that I loved them. Then we had gone to the theater, and afterwards to a cozy restaurant with candles and a white table cloth and with a wonderful surprise dinner that had been all planned and waiting. As Phil's pleased smile and searching eyes found mine, I suddenly realized that he was in love with me. It made me feel warm and secure, and then terribly confused. I didn't want to be involved this way, not while I couldn't make up my mind. I felt a deep concern for Phil and I didn't want to hurt him. Yet, when I tried to analyze my feelings, I was constantly interrupted by the image of Gene, and with it came a growing uncertainty. Phil said nothing of his feelings to me, and for this I was thankful. Perhaps he, too, sensed that I needed more time.

Several weeks passed and I didn't see Phil. He was out of town on business. But I *did* see Gene. Once he surprised me by coming to the office where I worked. And one Sunday we had a picnic. Gene had typically forgotten to bring the "franks" and we had to eat empty rolls. But it was fun. With each day I found myself waiting for his call and the sound of his voice. At first, I found it fun to be kept in suspenseful waiting, but other times, after evenings of empty waiting, I felt the need of a little more definiteness, but still I continued to see him. Being together was all that mattered, and I scolded myself for being reproachful of Gene's spontaneity, which was the one quality I liked about him most of all. Then Phil returned, and I was as confused and uncertain as before.

One night a week later I had some dictation to get out, which meant working late at the office. I had about a third of it done when the phone rang. I was pleased to hear Gene's voice.

"Look, Susan," he said easily, "the country club is giving a dinner and dance tonight. I kind of forgot about it but how about picking you up in a half hour?"

"I'd love to," I answered. "Only I have some work to finish off. I've got about an hour to go," I explained, "and at least another twenty minutes to get ready."

"But we'll miss the dinner, Sue! Can't you finish the typing in the morning or something?" he added irritably.

"No, I can't," I replied. "Mr. Ebers wouldn't have asked me if it weren't a rush. It has to be mailed out tonight. But it won't take long. Maybe I can make it in an hour."

"All of that?" he whined. "Meanwhile, we miss half the fun!"

Slowly, I felt the hurt rising inside of me. "I'm sorry to upset your evening, Gene, but it needn't have happened if you'd called sooner."

"I'm sorry I called at all," he snapped. "There are plenty of girls I could of asked besides you."

"Then why don't you call them?" I said, slamming down the receiver.

For a moment I sat filled with furious anger and hurt. Then it came to me clearly. All Gene had ever wanted was an available companion, and at his convenience. He was fun to be with but actually he was conceited and selfish. He knew how to flatter and put on the charm, yet not once had he ever been really thoughtful or considerate.

Suddenly I felt a sense of relief that it was over. I had to admit that I enjoyed his flattery, but luckily, I had discovered the truth in time.

I went back to my typing, deeply grateful. When I had nearly finished, the phone rang again. This time it was Phil.

"Hi, Susan," he said, and I was truly glad to hear his voice. "I've been trying to ring you at the apartment. I'm glad now I tried the office."

"So am I," I answered.

"Poor kid, you sound tired," he said. "How long before you finish up?"

"Only a little while now," I replied.

"Good. What you need is some dinner and a cup of coffee. I'll meet you in ten minutes. Okay?"

Phil hadn't changed, I realized. He was as considerate and thoughtful as always and I had found out how precious those qualities were. As I thought of Phil's strong face and quiet smile, all my doubts were gone.

"Sounds wonderful," I answered, knowing I had rediscovered my true happiness at last.

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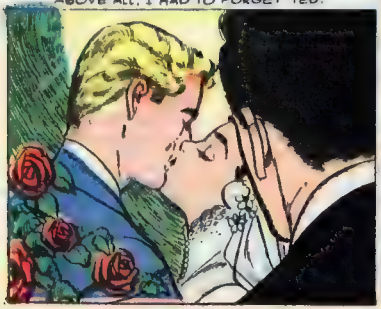
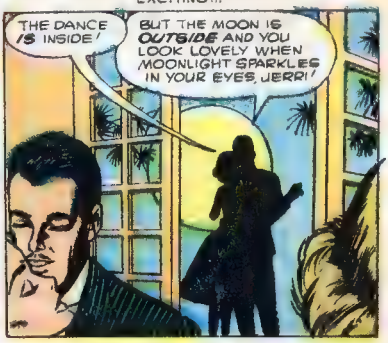

TED'S LIPS TOUCHED MINE FLEETINGLY, BUT I DREADED EVEN THAT MOMENTARY CONTACT, LEST A WHOLE FLOOD OF MEMORIES COME BACK TO HAUNT ME AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN ABOVE ALL, I HAD TO FORGET TED.

I STILL REMEMBERED THE NIGHT I FIRST MET TED! I WAS AT A DANCE, CHATTING WITH SOME OF MY GIRL FRIENDS, WHEN SUDDENLY I FELT MYSELF SWEPT ALONG IN SOME MAN'S STRONG LEAD..
B BUT
IF I'D ASKED, YOU MIGHT HAVE TURNED ME DOWN! AND I'VE BEEN WATCHING TOO LONG TO CHANCE A REFUSAL! I HAVE TO DANCE WITH YOU!

THERE WAS SOMETHING COMMANDING ABOUT TED! EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM SEEMED ROMANTICALLY EXCITING...

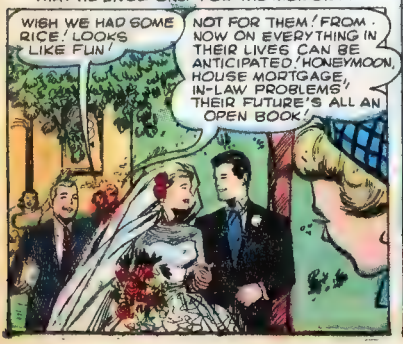


WHEN MY PHONE RANG THE NEXT DAY, I WAS HOPING IT WAS TED! IT WAS! THAT NIGHT WE WENT DRIVING AND THE EVENING PASSED GAYLY..

WHEN WE STOPPED AT MY HOUSE WE SHARED THE RAPTURE OF OUR FIRST KISS...

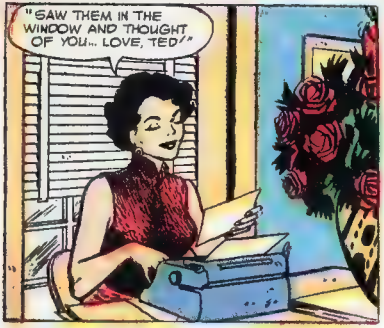
THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, ONE NAME SEEMED TO CROP UP ON EVERY PAGE OF MY DATE BOOK. TED...

BUT TO MY DISMAY, I DISCOVERED WHAT MADE TED SEEM SO ROMANTIC AND EXCITING WAS THAT HE LIVED ONLY FOR THE MOMENT...

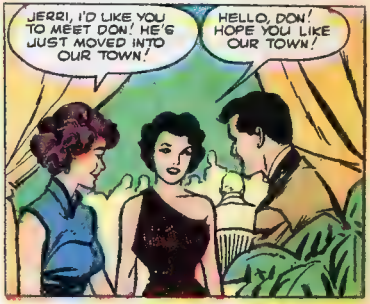

WISH WE HAD SOME RICE! LOOKS LIKE FUN!
NOT FOR THEM! FROM NOW ON EVERYTHING IN THEIR LIVES CAN BE ANTICIPATED! HONEYMOON, HOUSE MORTGAGE, IN-LAW PROBLEMS! THEIR FUTURE'S ALL AN OPEN BOOK!

DON'T YOU THINK *MARRIAGE* CAN BE AN ADVENTURE, TOO?
NO! EVERY COUPLE FOLLOWS THE SAME PATTERN! WHAT'S EXCITING WHEN YOU KNOW JUST WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU NEXT?

DOZENS OF TIMES, TED GAVE ME PLEASANT LITTLE SURPRISES! A GIFT UNDER MY NAPKIN AT A RESTAURANT OR FLOWERS AT THE OFFICE...



YES, TED KNEW HOW TO MAKE EACH MOMENT EXCITING, BUT I KEPT FEELING THAT WITH TED THERE WAS NO THOUGHT OF THE FUTURE, NO PLANS FOR MARRIAGE! THEN AT A PARTY, I MET DON IN THE MOST ORDINARY WAY...

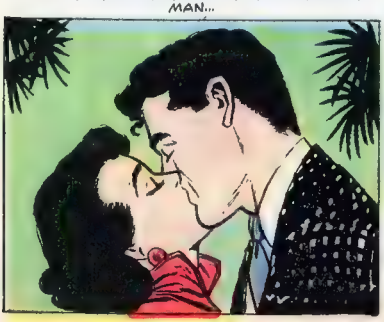


THE "NATIVES" SEEM FRIENDLY! BUT WHEN MY FIRM SENT ME HERE, THEY DIDN'T LIST SOMEONE LIKE YOU AMONG THE ADVANTAGES OF SETTLING HERE!

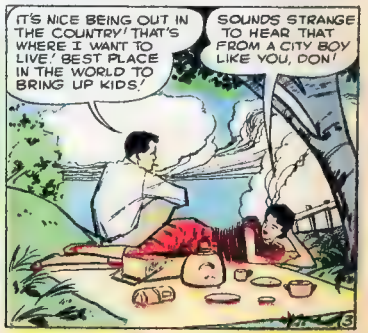
DON WAS TED'S EXACT OPPOSITE! HE LIKED QUIET THINGS! THERE WERE NO SURPRISES WITH HIM, BUT I COULDN'T DENY I THRILLED TO HIS TOUCH WHEN WE DANCED.

DON'T KNOW WHEN I ENJOYED A PARTY SO MUCH, JERRI! IT ADDS TO YOUR PLEASURE WHEN YOU CAN SHARE SOMETHING WITH ANOTHER PERSON... THE RIGHT PERSON!
I THINK I WAS WITH THE RIGHT PERSON, DON!

AS LONG AS TED DIDN'T SPEAK SERIOUSLY OF OUR FUTURE, I KEPT DATING BOTH HIM AND DON! BUT TED'S ROMANTIC WAYS KEPT ME WONDERING IF I WEREN'T WASTING MY TIME WITH ANOTHER MAN...

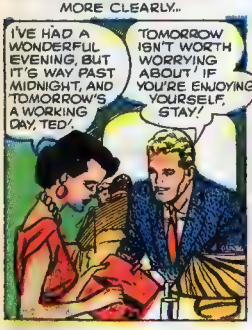


WHILE TED'S GAY MANNER SEEMED TO SATISFY ONE PART OF ME, DON ANSWERED ANOTHER NEED.. COMPANIONSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING...


IT'S NICE BEING OUT IN THE COUNTRY! THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO LIVE! BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO BRING UP KIDS!
SOUNDS STRANGE TO HEAR THAT FROM A CITY BOY LIKE YOU, DON!

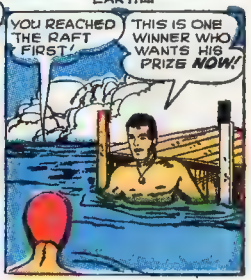
DON GAZED INTO MY EYES AND THEN HIS LIPS MET MINE...

ALTERNATING MY DATES WITH TED AND DON I CAME TO UNDERSTAND THOSE DIVERSE MEN ALL THE MORE CLEARLY...


I'VE HAD A WONDERFUL EVENING, BUT IT'S WAY PAST MIDNIGHT, AND TOMORROW'S A WORKING DAY, TED!
TOMORROW ISN'T WORTH WORRYING ABOUT! IF YOU'RE ENJOYING YOURSELF, STAY!

DON'T YOU EVER THINK OF TOMORROW?
NOT WHEN I'M HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME TODAY! DO WHAT THE MOMENT INSPIRES! FOLLOW YOUR FIRST IMPULSE... THAT'S FOR ME!

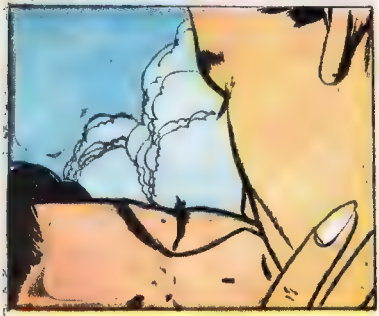
TED SAW FLOWERS AND HE SENT THEM TO ME! HE NOTICED A CUTE PAIR OF EARRINGS...THEY BECAME MINE! BUT ANY TALK OF OUR FUTURE ENDED UP IN SILENCE! DON WAS ALWAYS DOWN TO EARTH...



YES, TED BROUGHT WITH ALL THE ROMANTIC EXCITEMENT OF THE UNEXPECTED, BUT DON MEANT SECURITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE ONE WAS GOING...

YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I'VE EVER KNOWN WITH WHOM I'D LIKE TO SAIL ON THE SEA OF MATRIMONY, JERRI... IF YOU'LL HAVE ME FOR YOUR HUSBAND!
DON OR TED! I'VE GOT TO MAKE UP MY MIND NOW!

I KNEW THEN IN MY HEART THAT I PRIZED SECURITY MORE THAN EXCITEMENT! A LIFE WITH DON MIGHT BE COMPLETELY PREDICTABLE BUT IT WAS THE KIND OF LIFE I WANTED! MY KISS GAVE MY CONSENT...



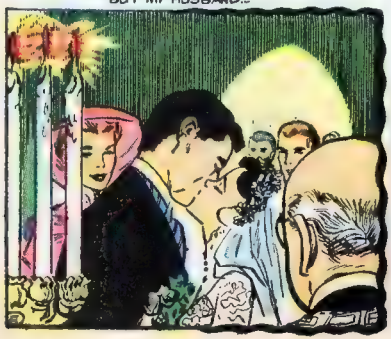
BUT THAT NIGHT, DOUBT STILL LINGERED...

CAN A MARRIAGE LAST WITHOUT SOME OF THAT ROMANTIC EXCITEMENT I FOUND WITH TED? I FOUND HIS LITTLE SURPRISES FLATTERING AND THRILLING... WILL I MISS ALL THAT WITH DON?
HAHA

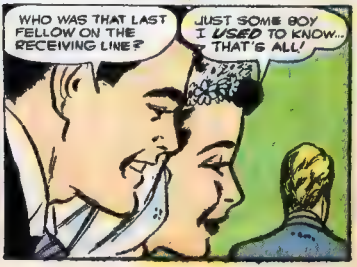
ON MY WEDDING DAY, AS I DRESSED FOR THE CEREMONY, DON FOUND A WONDERFUL WAY TO END MY NERVOUSNESS... HE SENT MY CORSAGE, ONE FLOWER AT A TIME, EACH ONE WITH A WONDERFUL NOTE...

TO THE STRAINS OF THE WEDDING MARCH, I STRODE FIRMLY TO MY GROOM, REALIZING THERE IS ROMANCE AND EXCITEMENT TO BE FOUND IN EVERY MAN, ONCE TRUE LOVE COMES TO BRING IT OUT...

THEN CAME THAT WONDERFUL MOMENT WHEN THE MAN I KISSED WAS NO LONGER JUST DON.. BUT MY HUSBAND...



YES, THE MEMORIES CAME BACK WHEN TED KISSED ME, BUT THEY REINFORCED MY LOVE FOR DON! EXCITEMENT AND ROMANCE WERE NICE, BUT NOT ENOUGH! A MAN WHO PLANS FOR THE FUTURE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ONE WHO LIVES FOR THE MOMENT! AND WITH DON, I KNEW MY FUTURE WOULD BE WONDERFULLY ROMANTIC...



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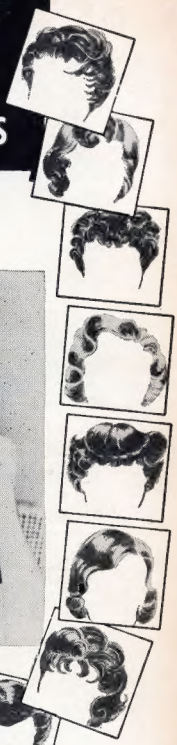

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